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NOTE VERBALE DATED 29 JULY 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by UNPROFOR regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 26 and 28 July 1993, there appear to have been 14 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are attached as annex I to this note verbale. Additionally, there appear to have been three flights from 24 to 25 July 1993 not previously reported. Details as to the itinerary of this flight are attached as annex II.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 732.

ANNEX I

INFORMATION ON FLIGHTS IN THE AIRSPACE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS PROTECTION FORCE

(26-28 July 1993)

SRL	DATE	START	END	REMARKS	HEADING SPEED ALT.
738	26 July	14.45	14.59	NATO fighters made radar and visual contact with a green MI-8 helicopter 30 kilometres south of Sarajevo. Warnings were issued. The helicopter landed almost immediately. Four military personnel were seen disembarking. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	Southwest Unknown Low
739	26 July	15.18	15.33	NATO fighters made radar and visual contact with a camouflaged MI-8 helicopter near Titov Drvar 25 kilometres northeast of Knin. The helicopter was a scheduled MEDEVAC flight that deviated from the approved flight plan. Upon landing at Knin, UNMOs observed several extra passengers on board. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Krajina-Serbs.	South Unknown Unknown
740	26 July	16.09	16.09	UNMOs observed a green Gazelle helicopter take-off from Banja Luka. The flight had been requested as a MEDEVAC, but no authorization had been given prior to take-off. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	East Unknown Unknown
741	26 July	16.44	16.49	NATO fighters made radar and visual contact with a camouflaged MI-8 helicopter 28 kilometres south of Sarajevo. The helicopter subsequently landed at a military complex. Several people in military uniform were seen disembarking. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	Southeast Slow 3,000 ft, AGL
742	26 July	17.19	17.19	UNMOs observed a green Gazelle helicopter (serial 740) land at Banja Luka. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	Unknown Unknown Unknown
743	27 July	17.40	17.55	NATO fighters made radar and visual contact with an MI-8 helicopter 15 kilometres east of Zenica. As the helicopter was flying northeast towards Tuzla, several warnings were issued and ignored. The helicopter landed at the Visca quarry 8 kilometres southwest of Tuzla. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Northeast Slow 100 feet

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744	27 July	18.20	18.30	NATO fighters made radar and visual contact with an MI-8 helicopter taking-off from Tuzla airfield. Ignoring warnings, it continued to Zenica and landed. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Southwest Slow 300 feet
745	28 July	14.38	14.52	NATO fighters made radar and visual contact with a camouflaged Gazelle helicopter 38 kilometres southeast of Sarajevo. The helicopter continued heading southwest and landed 68 kilometres south of Sarajevo. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	Southwest Unknown Unknown
746	28 July	12.12	15.05	NATO fighters made visual contact with a green MI-8 helicopter 28 kilometres south of Sarajevo preparing for take-off. While monitoring, the fighters observed 30 troops boarding the helicopter. It took-off and landed 33 kilometres south of Sarajevo. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	South Slow Low
747	28 July	16.12	16.22	NATO fighters made radar and visual contact with a blue MI-8 helicopter with white stripes 70 kilometres west of Sarajevo. The helicopter continued heading east and landed 32 kilometres southwest of Sarajevo at what appeared to be a prepared helipad. Three people disembarked and boarded a waiting car. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	East Unknown Unknown
748	28 July	16.35	16.45	NATO fighters made radar and visual contact with a camouflaged MI-8 helicopter 67 kilometres south of Sarajevo. The helicopter continued heading northeast and landed 37 kilometres south of Sarajevo. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	Northeast Unknown Unknown
749	28 July	16.55	17.00	NATO fighters made radar and visual contact with a Gazelle helicopter taking-off 32 kilometres south of Sarajevo. Contact was lost shortly afterwards. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	Unknown Unknown Unknown
750	28 July	18.21	18.31	NATO fighters made radar and visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross 21 kilometres south of Zenica. The helicopter continued heading northeast and landed 27 kilometres east of Zenica. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Northeast Slow Low

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751	28 July	18.30	Unk	NATO fighters made radar and visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter with blue stripes 29 kilometres south of Zenica. Ignoring warnings issued by the fighters, the helicopter headed northeast and landed 27 kilometres east of Zenica at the same location as serial 750. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Northeast Slow Low

ANNEX II

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FLIGHTS IN THE AIRSPACE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS PROTECTION FORCE

(24-25 July 1993)

SRL	DATE	START	END	REMARKS	HEADING SPEED ALT.
752	24 July	08.25	08.28	UNMOs observed a green MI-8 helicopter with a red cross taking-off from Pale. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	Unknown Unknown Unknown
753	25 July	10.55	10.55	UNMOs observed a green Gazelle helicopter land at Pale. General Mladic was seen disembarking the aircraft. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	Unknown Slow Landing
754	25 July	19.05	19.05	UNMOs observed a green Gazelle helicopter with a red cross (serial 753) taking-off from Pale. General Mladic was seen boarding the aircraft. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	South Unknown Low